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1. The pro-Cominform (Vidali) Communist Party of Trieste has reportedly been showing a Soviet film entitled What Socialism Has Given the USSR at recent meetings of all Party sections in Zone A, Free Territory of Trieste. An unidentified member of the Trieste Central Committee of the Party was selected to give a detailed explanation and interpretation of each scene to the viewers. The film, which has sub-titles in Italian, purportedly illustrates life in the Soviet Union in contrast with life in Italy, and is allegedly designed to show the benefits derived by the people in the Soviet Union from their People's Government in contrast with the miserable lot of the Italian people.
2. Party members have reportedly been instructed to round up as many people as possible to see this film. In order to impress viewers with the contrast between the favorable life in the USSR and the unfavorable life in Italy, various scenes of the "miserable life" in Italy were shown immediately after selected scenes of the "beneficial life" in the Soviet Union. The unidentified Party member who acted as interpreter allegedly made such statements as the following:
 - a. That in Russia there are 61,000,000 cows, which would represent approximately one and one-half cows for each person in Italy, and 24,000,000 hogs;
 - b. That from 1945 to the present time, prices in the USSR have decreased by at least 400 (sic) per cent, while in Italy prices during the same period have increased by 2,000 per cent;
 - c. That in the USSR a laborer works only two hours to earn enough to buy a shirt, while in Italy a laborer must work at least three days for the equivalent of the price of a shirt;
 - d. That today in the USSR 61,000,000 more tons of grain are produced than in 1945, a quantity which would be sufficient to meet the needs of all of Italy;

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- a. That in the Soviet Union an individual need only work one minute to earn enough to buy one cigarette, while in Italy one must work three and one-half minutes to accomplish the same purpose.
3. Following the showing of the stated film, the Central Committee member is purported to have spoken at length on State farms and industry in the Soviet Union, using films to illustrate his talk. In citing statistics concerning production in the Soviet Union from 1945 to the present time, the unidentified Party member is reported to have specified that during this six-year period, the production of metals in the USSR has increased by 53 per cent, the production of minerals by 47 per cent, and the production of petroleum during the same period by 54 per cent. In contrast to these achievements by the USSR, he explained that during the same period Italian production has decreased considerably in every field, to the extent where many factories have had to be shut down.
4. The final scene of the film depicted the Italian people marching to ruin, barbarism and misfortune, while the Russian people, beneath a large likeness of Stalin, were shown marching toward progress, civilization and good fortune.

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